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SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. And I...and I think that points up...that points up the need for a follow-up to whatever we do, whatever the other states do that are looking at this, at the subject for national legislation because we will be forever...we've got to start somewhere. This is a great start but we will be forever chasing the ball unless there is a comprehensive effort at the national level and, again, I support the bill and would encourage the body to continue to examine it. This is why we have three readings and three discussions on the floor. So thank you very much, Senator Dierks.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Further discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments to LB 835.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you very much, Mr. President and members of the body. I just would...I want you to understand that I feel the same way about this as Senator Bromm does. The debate should include all the questions that you have. I want it to be open and I want everybody to have their input, and I'm encouraging you to do that because I think if you get the idea that we're trying to force something on you, well, then it's not going to be successful. And I want it to be successful. So your help I want for this bill, and if you would see fit to adopt the committee amendments, why that would please me. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 835. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay.

SENATOR DIERKS: Could I have a record vote please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1179 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Committee amendments are adopted. Further